

**HAMPTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM  
June 12, 2006 – 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** Virginia Bridle-Russell, Chairman  
Ben Moore, Vice-Chairman  
James Workman  
Rick Griffin  
Bill Lally  
James S. Barrington, Town Manager  
Maureen Duffy, Administrative Assistant

**REGRETS:**

Chairman Virginia Bridle-Russell called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and introduced those in attendance.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

**I. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Mr. Workman announced that on Wednesday, June 14 (Flag Day) at 6 pm behind Fire Station #2 the American Legion and Boy Scout Troop 177 will be hosting their annual flag burning ceremony.

Mr. Griffin congratulated all the graduates from the DARE program at the Junior High School and at Sacred Heart.

Mr. Moore reminded citizens that on Wednesday, June 14 at 7 pm in the Board of Selectmen's meeting room the Heritage Commission will be holding a public forum to discuss potential uses and preservation of the former courthouse.

Chairman Bridle-Russell congratulated all the graduates from the Winnacunnet High School this weekend and wished them well in their future endeavors. She also announced that on Wednesday, June 14 the eighth grade students at Hampton Academy will be graduating.

## **II. APPOINTMENTS**

### **1. TRACY EMERICK – PLANNING UPDATE**

Chairman of the Planning Board, Tracy Emerick addressed the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Emerick discussed the objective of the Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which is to increase information and transparency of the rolling six year planning program. The Planning Board is working to have more information available to the public by expanding information availability (i.e. Planning Office, Library and Town website).

The Planning Board is proposing to upgrade the intersection at Lafayette Road and Winnacunnet Road to improve public safety. The current intersection is chaotic and dangerous. Mr. Emerick reported that the developer at the northeast corner is willing to participate in upgrading and improving the intersection. He also suggested that the Town portion of the southeast corner be sold to the abutter to cover the costs of the intersection upgrade. The intersection improvement will be added to the CIP for funding availability.

There are many initiatives that the Planning Board is working on. The Board is working towards updating the Services & Facilities Section of the Master Plan. He is also seeking coordination with the Town Manager and input from department heads and public. The Planning Board is considering rezoning the area within Lafayette Road, High Street, Mill Road, and Winnacunnet Road. In addition condominium hotel room ownership (contels), the Floor Area Ratio zoning, and multi-family dimensional requirements in the beach area is under review and development with the assistance of the Rockingham Planning Commission.

Voters supported the growth management warrant article on this year's ballot. Though the article is not being implemented as a result of court ruling, the Planning Board believes this is an indication that residents believe there is a need for growth management. For that reason the Board would like to hold a public forum to address the perception of growth and involve the Local Government Center for education/information purposes.

Mr. Moore asked if there is a mathematical calculation used to determine the impact fee for the CIP. Mr. Emerick explained that it is a fixed number on per dwelling unit and there are two different impact fees for the school districts.

### **2. TOM GILICK – FIRE STATION**

Tom Gillick is the Chairman of the Beach Fire Station Committee and has come before the Board to present the Committee's decision and seek guidance. The Committee focused on the following three questions: where, what and how much. The committee reviewed a number of areas and agreed that the best location for the proposed fire station is at the corner of Ashworth Avenue and Brown Avenue, where the former police station was located. The reasons for choosing this location was because it is Town owned land, there are manageable traffic patterns and walk-in emergency assistance availability. In addition the committee proposed that the new structure include the headquarters.

Mr. Moore addressed the issue of losing parking spaces in the beach area if this location was to be used.

The consensus of the Board was for the committee to research the "what" portion, of their task and determine the most suitable fire station at the best value.

The committee is planning on coming back to the Board in October to formulate a warrant article.

Mr. Moore inquired if the committee foresees any concerns in regard to having both of the major public safety facilities located in the beach area in the event of a hurricane or storm. Mr. Gillick mentioned that the Committee has not at this point.

The consensus of the Board was to support the committee's decision to contain the Fire Department's headquarters at the beach.

Chairman Bridle-Russell asked if the committee could present their findings to the Board by September. The Committee will do their best to have it done by then.

### **III. MINUTES – MAY 22, 2006**

Page 2 – Mrs. Keefe – should be 29 years of service

Page 7 – second paragraph – GASB

Page 7 – second paragraph – spelling error - Mr. Moore – not Moored

Page 8 – under New Business 1 & 3 – Motioned by Mr. Griffin and seconded by Mr. Workman

The May 22, 2006 minutes stand as corrected.

Chairman Bridle-Russell reminded the viewing audience that on June 13 the School Board will be meeting at the Town Hall. The Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee will be meeting on June 20.

### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **1. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Mr. Barrington announced that there would be State officials at the June 26 meeting to address the concerns about the Taylor River. There will be a representative from DES (dam program), Turnpike Authority and representative from the governor's office. The Governor has also been in contact with Mr. Barrington.

With the continuing rainfall, latest reports are that Zoppo still has hopes of completing the construction project by June 30. There may be some "punch list" work to be done in early July following Independence Day.

Mr. Barrington has begun interviewing potential candidates for the Finance Director position.

Bids for the Brown Marine Rescue Pier have been opened. There were only three bids received and one is within budget. The project has not been awarded yet, as the bids are still being considered.

Oral arguments for the Town's appeal of the PELRB Unfair Labor Practice Decision regarding the Police Association were presented at the Supreme Court last Wednesday.

Town Attorney Mark Gearreald attended the PUC final hearing on the Aquarion rate increase request. The preliminary hearing on the Elmwood Corners case was delayed due to the judge's illness and has been rescheduled for June 21.

This Wednesday, June 14 the Town personnel will be meeting with Jane Hubbard to update the emergency plan.

Mr. Barrington provided a copy of the parking / loading zones proposed ordinance changes that will be discussed at next week's Board meeting.

Comstar, the ambulance billing service had some difficulties implementing the new recording system that is required by the State. They were running behind getting the information posted and when they did there was an error. The actual commitments for January were \$55,370.69, February was \$51,256.47, March and April were combined at \$117,383.32.

Mr. Barrington received a call from Brian Warburton who reported that there will be lifeguards on duty as of this Saturday, June 17 at North beach, Sunvalley and Plaise Cove.

Mr. Barrington commented on the flag pole at Bicentennial Park. The lanyard was broken and required repairs. Until has offered their assistance and are working to have the flag up before Wednesday, June 14 (Flag Day).

A draft letter has been written to Commissioner Hill regarding a three acre parcel of land located at the northeast corner of Highway 101 and Interstate 95 that could potentially be used as a possible location for the consolidated District Court. The lot was acquired approximately a year ago by a tax deed received by the Town and it is only accessible through State land.

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to offer the land located at the northeast corner of Highway 101 and Interstate 95 to the State of New Hampshire for the purpose of building a District Court on the property. **Mr. Griffin SECONDED.**  
**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **SELECTMEN'S RESPONSE TO THE TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

Paving along the lettered streets should begin this week if the weather cooperates.

Mr. Lally inquired about the schedule for the upgrades to be completed on the Exeter Road Bridge. Mr. Barrington believes that the work should be done by June 30<sup>th</sup> but will confirm this date.

## **2. FIRE ALARM SERVICE – DEADLINE DATE**

Town Attorney Gearreald has reviewed the warrant article. He advised that the Town should be out of the fire alarm business by June 30<sup>th</sup>. During the past few weeks Hampton residents have voiced their concerns about the switch over deadline and have requested an extension. Two letters have gone out to organizations that use the service and a third will be sent in the near future. New private fire alarm systems need to be inspected by the Fire Inspector and it will be difficult for him to visit all of the organizations in such a short time span. Mr. Barrington encouraged residents to look for a new system and schedule an inspection as soon as possible.

There was some discussion on the additional expense that business owners, nonprofits and churches will incur as a result of the supported warrant article. Mr. Barrington noted that until now tax payers have been subsidizing this service.

**Mr. Lally MOTIONED** to extend the deadline date to July 31 for organizations to switch to a private alarm service. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

### **OTHER OLD BUSINESS**

The Board will need to schedule a public hearing for the police (\$93,203) and fire (\$109,010) grants that Mr. Moore inquired about last week.

Mr. Moore suggested that the Town should communicate with the people who require new sewer tie-ins to let them know that the deadline has been extended.

He also asked if the Manager or the Finance Director have discussed an implementation plan for GASB 34 with the Town's CPAs. Mr. Barrington has not and is not sure if the Finance Director ever did. Mr. Moore suggested that a guideline be provided in a form of a letter from the CPAs with GASB 34 implementation strategies.

Zoppo will be completing their contract by June 30<sup>th</sup> and will be submitting a bid on the streets west of Ashworth Avenue. Mr. Barrington said that there are a couple of minor issues and has not given them a release letter.

Mr. Moore would like to schedule a date to discuss long term planning.

Mr. Moore suggested including the local health and human service agencies' funding in the 2007 operating budget. Mr. Barrington suggested that the Board of Selectmen discuss it with the Budget Committee on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Moore is concerned about the Town Hall roof and would like to see it repaired.

Mr. Moore stated that he is concerned about the tipping fee and the municipal sanitization accounts.

In addition, he asked if the scale at the Public Works department has been out for bid and suggested that it should be purchased before December.

Dawna Duhamel will be available when a new Finance Director has been hired to provide training. She will be paid according to her pay rate.

Mr. Griffin asked about the Storm Water Committee. Mr. Barrington explained that it is a committee that is made up of staff members and a consulting firm. The quality of storm water runoff is part of the national discharge permit program. Mr. Griffin noted that he would like Taylor River Estates to be a #1 priority and that the State keep the culvert clear from debris.

Mr. Griffin said that he received a call regarding the number of speeders along Ocean Boulevard and Winnacunnet Road. The resident would like to see additional radar enforcement in that area.

Appointments to the Hampton Beach Area Commission will be added to next week's agenda.

## **V. NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Bridle-Russell received a letter from a Hampton business owner who is frustrated that he was charged to dispose flood damaged materials at the transfer station. It was noted that demolition materials were not free of charge during the free disposal weekend at the transfer station and were not picked up by trash crews. Chairman Bridle-Russell requested that a letter be written explaining to the resident that building materials are a chargeable item.

Chairman Bridle-Russell received a letter regarding a parking violation. The Hampton resident is frustrated as she believes that there is a discrepancy with parking fines in regard to parking behind the crosswalk located at the corner of Ocean Boulevard and Highland Avenue. It is a State law that vehicles must park 20 feet away from the crosswalk. The resident encouraged the Town to consider a sign at crosswalks to inform people of this traffic regulation. The Board will request that the Police Department be consistent when issuing fines for parking too close to crosswalks.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Dance Hall Permits & 3 Pool Tables
2. Girl Scout Request
3. IAFF Burn Foundation Boot Drive

**Mr. Workman MOTIONED** to approve the consent agenda as presented. **Mr. Moore SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

## **VII. - PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Vic Demarco explained that the parking lot at the corner of Ashworth Avenue and Brown Avenue generates a significant amount of revenue for the Town. He is concerned that if the proposed beach fire station is built in that location it would be detrimental to parking in the area and revenue for the Town. Mr. Demarco suggested that the Board review the financial figures before making a decision. He is also disappointed that the proposed fire station location is not directly behind the current one that is situated on Precinct Commission land. In addition, Vic Demarco mentioned that he is in support of the District Courthouse being located in Hampton.

Gerry Dignam addressed the Board. It was explained that the members of the Beach Fire Station Committee were nominated by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Dignam expressed his concern regarding the proposal to have the headquarters in the beach station. He also questioned if it was the Committee's charter to determine the location of the headquarters. Mr. Dignam is also concerned about the amount of revenue that would be lost by the Town if the Ashworth parking lot was to be used as the location for the new station.

Bonnie Searle is concerned about the amount of revenue that would be lost if the station was built at the Ashworth parking lot location. She is also concerned about the Selectmen donating Town land to the State for the proposed District Courthouse. She suggested that stakes and ribbon be used to outline the land so that Hampton residents may see the exact area, that is being considered. Mrs. Searle also commented on the good service and support she received from Rockingham Community Action when dealing with filing for federal funding for property damage caused by the flood.

Mr. Scanlon discussed the petition that he brought to the Town Manager's office earlier in the day. Over 80 Hampton residents signed in support of the petition which requests "...the Board of Selectmen to place the proposed ordinance to eliminate two-sided parking on G Street on the March 2007 Town meeting ballot...". He is also concerned about the loss of parking that would result if the proposed fire station were to be built on the Ashworth parking lot location. Mr. Scanlon is also concerned about the cost of the alleged Precinct Commission parking garage.

**VIII. - CLOSING COMMENTS:**

None

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Mr. Moore MOTIONED** to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 PM. **Mr. Workman SECONDED.**

**VOTE: UNANIMOUS FOR**

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Chairman